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**AMENDMENT** 

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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated March 14, 2002, kindly amend the application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows. A clean copy of the appropriate paragraph of the specification, as required by rule, is provided in the attached Appendix.

Page 1, beginning line 7,

The subject matter of the present application is related to the subject matter of U.S. patent application Serial Number 08/986,118\_09/654,076 entitled "Video Objects Coded by Keyregions" to Barin Geoffry Haskell, Atul Puri and Robert Lewis Schmidt, and filed on December 5, 1997, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

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